

## Appointments.

### MATRON.

**Royal Hospital, Portsmouth.**—Miss Harriet Deakin has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, where she subsequently held the position of Assistant Superintendent of Nurses. She has also been Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford.

### NURSE-MATRONS.

**Cottage Hospital, Moretonhampstead.**—Miss F. Quiller has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at Camberwell Infirmary, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has also been Charge Nurse at the South-Western Hospital under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board, and Night Superintendent at the West Ham Infirmary, Leytonstone. She has also had charge of the Out-Patient Department at the General Hospital, Yarmouth.

**Phthysical Sanatorium, Lanchester.**—Miss Knox Pinkney has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She has held the same position under the Brandon and Byshottles Urban District Council.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**St. Leonard's Infirmary, Shoreditch.**—Miss Katherine Keen has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the positions of Sister at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, Night Superintendent at the Royal Staffordshire Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, and Sister at the Shoreditch Infirmary.

### SISTER.

**Rotherham Hospital and Dispensary.**—Miss A. Martin has been appointed Sister of the Women's and Children's Wards. She was trained at the London Hospital, E., and has held the position of Sister at the Isolation Hospital, East Ham.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

**Fulham Infirmary, Hammersmith.**—Miss Esther Fisher has been appointed Night Superintendent. She was trained at the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, E.C., and at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, for three years, and has held the position of Ward Sister at the General Hospital, Northampton, and of Night Superintendent at the County Hospital, Lincoln.

### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

**Basingtoke Union.**—Miss Louisa Kate Clarke has been appointed Superintendent Nurse. She was trained at the Town Hospital, Glasgow, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Newcastle-on-Tyne Union, Night Sister at the Horton Hospital, South Shields, and Head Night Nurse at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, Bromley-by-Bow, E. She is a certified midwife.

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*Transfers and Appointments.*—Miss Annie Booth to Hensworth, Miss Alexina Cowes to Cheltenham, Miss Mildred Dobbs to Widnes, Miss Selina Harborough to Crowborough, Miss Theresa J. Lesser to Blackburn, Miss Gertrude L. Souter to Monk Bretton, Miss Florence Steele to Whickham, Miss Alexandra E. White to Worcester as Assistant County Superintendent.

## Nursing Echoes.



The supervision of the Nursing Sisters working in the various centres in connection with Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, by a fully trained Lady Superintendent, is an admirable and integral part of its organisation, but the system and order thus maintained are not always understood by the public, and an anonymous correspondent of a Calcutta paper condemns this supervision as unnecessary, on the ground that "should anything be unsatisfactory in the manner of nursing, or in the personal character of any Sister, the civil surgeon or doctor on the spot is the best judge, and direct reports to headquarters, with any necessary complaint, would answer the purpose." He asks, "Where does the necessity arise for a local Lady Superintendent at all? . . . It is against the rules that she should do any nursing; she is solely for supervising and directing—work which I venture to think would be easily and effectually done, with practically no trouble to each Civil Surgeon. The salary of the Lady Superintendent would supply the salaries of two Nursing Sisters, who would be of practical use, and who are urgently needed." The writer adds, "The only thing which could really justify the presence of a Lady Superintendent under existing circumstances is that the new home in Dibrugarh should be made into a Nursing Home on a small scale, and the Lady Superintendent should be expected to nurse these cases herself." The suggestion is a disastrous one in the interests of efficiency, and we trust that it will not find favour either with the Central Organisation at Calcutta or with the Home Committee.

Unless Home Hospitals were exceedingly useful to the public generally, they would not have multiplied of late years in the way they have done. Having some years' experience of the management of such a hospital, we know when organised on thoroughly professional lines—employing the best trained nurses—and well trained domestic service—the work conducted in a Home Hospital is most helpful to the class of patient not suitable for a public hospital, and to busy medical men, who, if they are men of science, as they should be, have plenty of anxiety daily, without attempting to supervise practical nursing and domestic affairs.

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